

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 3-5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 will remain pending in the above-identified application and stand allowed. Support for the amendment to claim 9 occurs in original claim 8.

Elections/Restrictions

Applicants acknowledge their prior election with traverse to the invention encompassed by pending claims 3-5, 7, 9, 11 and 13. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on non-elected claims, which have been cancelled herein (claims 1-2, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14-39).

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of the allowability of the elected invention (claims 3-5, 7, 9, 11 and 13) as indicated in paragraph "4." of the Office Action.

Accordingly, based upon the amendments made herein to the claims, the Examiner is now requested to issue a Notice of Allowance with regard to each of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

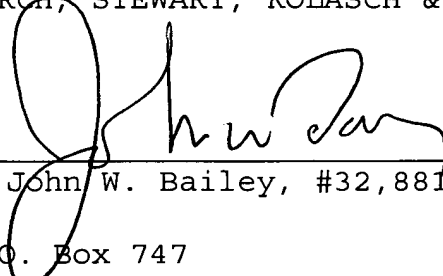
Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, he is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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